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(b) if the motion is one for the reduction of any grant, whether a budget grant or a further or a supplementary grant, or for the omission or reduction of any item in any such grant."

Standing Order No. 30.

(2) *For* clause (1) of Standing Order No. 30, *substitute* the following clause, namely:—

"(1) After the mover and seconder have spoken, other members may speak to the motion in the order in which they are called by the President:

Provided that if the motion is one which need not be seconded or if the seconder has reserved his speech, members other than the mover may speak to the motion in the order in which they are called by the President, after the mover has spoken or after the motion has been seconded, as the case may be."

Standing Order No. 55.

'(3) *In Standing Order No.* 55, omit *clause* (4).'

I wish to know whether the Hon. Member has the leave of the House. (After a pause.) Since no Member objects, I take it that the Hon. Member has the leave of this House. The draft amendments are now to be referred to a Select Committee. Six members of the Select Committee have to be elected by the Council by means of the single transferable vote in accordance with the regulations framed in this behalf. Other Members are the President, the Deputy President, the Advocate-General, The Hon. the Law Member who has given notice of the amendments and one of the members of the panel of Chairmen to be nominated by me. I fix 2-30 p.m. to-day, as the latest hour within which nominations may be handed over to the Secretary.

"If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, there will be an election between 12 noon and 2 p.m. to-morrow (31st January 1936)."

IV.—DEMANDS FOR EXCESS GRANTS FOR 1933–34.[a]

* The Hon. Mr. G. T. H. Bracken:—"Mr. President, Sir, I beg to move—

'(a) *That an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 2,037 *be granted "under "Grant X—Secretariat and Headquarters Establishments—Reserved" to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year* 1933–34.

(b) *That an additional sum not exceeding Rs.* 1,17,869 *be granted under "Grant XXXIII—Pensions—Reserved" to make good the excess expenditure incurred in the year* 1933–34.'

[a] Explanatory Note printed as Appendix IX on pages 231–232 infra.

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I do not think there is much to be said on these grants. The first is a very small sum representing ·009 of the total allotment. When we insist on close budgeting, it is inevitable that occasionally there have to be excess grants which have to be brought forward beforee this Council.

" As regards the second item, the amount is a large one, and in this case, it is quite impossible to estimate accurately how many people will retire who will draw their pensions. It is a fluctuating item, and it is inevitable that sometimes the number of commutations exceed expectations."

* Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*that the sum of Rs.* 2,037 *under " Grant X—Secretariat and Headquarters Establishments—Reserved " be reduced by Rs.* 100.'

My object in moving this cut motion is not to say that the expenditure has much increased or that the allotment has not been carefully made, but simply to point out the desirability of effecting economy on transfers. This excess grant is moved mostly for expenditure incurred on pay and allowances. Though there was a great deal of amount available in the original allotments, all these have been mostly consumed by transfers and beyond that an excess amount is sought for now. You will remember, Sir, during the course of the year 1935 there was a supplementary demand moved to meet expenditure on transfers. That too has not been sufficient to meet the expenditure, and an excess grant has to be asked for now. At the time the supplementary demand was moved, I drew the attention of the Government in regard to the number of transfers in the Revenue Department, especially transfers of Deputy Collectors. At that time, I was glad to learn from the Hon. the Revenue Member that transfers would be looked into carefully and avoided as much as possible.

11-45 a.m. " But, I am surprised, Sir, that these transfers are being so often made, and that is the reason for excess grants coming up before the House. For instance, I may tell the Hon. House that my division has been very unfortunate in this respect. That was why I was put to the necessity of making a complaint last time at the time of the supplementary grant and again this time now since I have an opportunity. Apart from the frequent shiftings previously made, quite recently a Deputy Collector of our area has been transferred and another gentleman has been posted. But in a month's time this gentleman too has been transferred to South Kanara and some other gentleman is posted in his place, and I have a doubt as to how long even this gentleman will be kept in this area. This sort of transfers besides involving additional expenditure to Government is also detrimental to the areas concerned since the officers who are posted in such quick successions may not be able to understand the needs and conditions of

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the locality and be useful to it. Government have fixed three years as the time-limit for allowing officers to remain in one station and though it may not be possible to retain them for the full period of three years at least they may be kept on in one station for some considerable time to study the locality and be useful to it. This will also save some money to Government as I said already and the localities concerned may also be benefited if the same officers are kept on at least for a year or two."

* The Hon. Sir Charles Souter :—" Mr. President, Sir, I fully admit the force of my hon. Friend's remarks, and no one dislikes these transfers more than I do. The fact is that in many circumstances we cannot avoid these transfers. For instance, a Deputy Collector falls ill anywhere, his place has to be filled. Again it happens that in certain cases a Deputy Collector who has got to be transferred to a particular district does not know the language of the district. He is next on the list; but we have to choose a man who knows the language of the district in which he is going to serve. I had several cases like that, and I have had very unfortunately to disturb the existing arrangements in other districts. Also I must point out to this hon. House that we are handicapped in many ways by the fact that when once a man has acted as Deputy Collector he is considered on probation, and his seniority among Deputy Collectors depends on the time when his probation began. If therefore, we do not appoint a probationary Deputy Collector, one who has reverted, in his turn again as Deputy Collector he may lose the chance of future promotion or it may be that one of his juniors will go over his head. It is therefore necessary to appoint those Deputy Collectors whom my hon. Friend particularly referred to in rotation of their seniority. This, of course, very often does disturb the arrangement made in the district. But we have to see that the Deputy Collector does not lose his place in the list. Such transfers have to be more common than at any rate I myself think desirable. I may assure my hon. Friend that I am as fully alive as he is to the necessity of keeping officers in districts as long as possible; I myself think that frequent transfers are very inadvisable and my endeavour has always been to avoid them as much as possible. In these transfers it is not one district which is concerned, but two or three. With the assurance that I will endeavour to the utmost of my ability to avoid such transfers I hope the hon. Member will not press his cut motion."

* Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" I have no objection to withdraw my motion after having heard the Hon. the Revenue Member. I hope he will straigtway find some means to remedy this state of things and let not the 'probation' question stand in the way of giving effect to his assurance. With these words, I beg leave to withdraw my motion."

The cut motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

The excess demands was put and carried and the grants made.